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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application as a supplement to the response filed March 29, 1996.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

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--24. A method for operating a nuclear reactor having a reactor vessel, a plurality of fuel assemblies loaded in a core arranged inside the reactor vessel, each of said plurality of fuel assemblies including a plurality of fuel rods and at least one water rod therein, and means for regulating a flow rate of cooling water supplied to the core, the method comprising the steps of:

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